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Letters to the Editor

The Lessons of Sadat's Murder

In your Oct. 8 editorial "Know Thine Enemies" you wrote that Sadat might have been alive today if only he had conducted vigorous domestic intelligence operations. You then drew a parallel to the United States and warned that unless we learned our lesson from these events and gave the CIA domestic authority, our leaders and people were doomed to the same fate.

You would have us adopt the Soviet-inspired concept of domestic intelligence-gathering to protect our leaders from assassins. Sadat rejected the Soviets and all that they stood for. It may have cost him his life. Quite a price to pay for freedom and worth it only if freedom survives.

The lesson you would have us draw from this defender of freedom's death is that freedom should be curtailed. The Soviets would have the world draw the same conclusion.

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